

12 Tips For Muslim Youth

MAKE YOUR INTENTION SINCERE

All work we do should ideally be for the sake of Allah (SWT).

Ameer Al-Momineen "Umar Ibn Al-Khattab" (Rz) says that He heard The Messenger of Allah (SWT), Peace Be Upon Him, saying;

"Actions are only by intention and every man has only that what he intended. Whoever's emigration is for Allah (SWT) and His Messenger (SAW), whoever's emigration is for some worldly gain he can acquire or a women he will marry, then his emigration is for that, which he emigrated.

[Bukhari, Muslim]

PRACTICE WHAT YOU PREACH

Not practicing what you preach is wrong, and you will lose the confidence of anyone young or old once they figure you out.

That does not mean, you are connected to any type of arrogance or bad task and you will spread the same. (Astagfirullah)

Preaching and practicing the good works are the Sadqa-E-Jaariya for you. Each one of them has a great power. Even if you practice the recitation of on word, SubhanAllah and suggest someone to do the same as you did. In return Allah (SWT) will give you huge Ajr that will fill the space between the sky and surface of Earth.

USE QURAN AND SEERAH FOR DAWAH GUIDES

Read and understand those chapters of the Holy Quran which talk about how the Prophet (SAW) presented the message of Islam to their people.

Read the Seerah of Prophet (SAW), prescribed by Ulama-E-Kiraam, to see especially how the Prophet (SAW) brought Islam to so many people including young people.

TALK TO PEOPLE AS IF YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW THEM

This does not mean we don't know people but this suggests us to behave with people in a more respectful way..

SMILE

Smiling is one of the greatest Sunnah of Prophet (SAW). We must add this great Sunnah to our lifestyle. We should avoid frowning. If we want others approach with Islam, we have to make ourselves approachable, smiling is key to this. But note that, being approachable does not mean being flirtatious with other gender. There are Islamic Laws for how men and women should deal with each other, which have to be respected.

Now, You Are Able To Do Something For Other People..

TAKE THE INITIATIVE AND HANG OUT WITH THEM

Take the first step and invite someone you may have spoken to a couple of times to sit at lunch together, to checkout a hockey game or invite them over for Iftar in the blessed mont of Ramazan. Also, share difficulties, sorrows and frustrations. Help with homework, be a shoulder to cry on when depression hits, or just plane listen when your friend is upset, discuss common problems and keep their secrets. There are few things as annoying as Snith and Backstabber. But an important note; If the problem is of serious nature, (I,e, your friend is thinking of committing suicide or is taking drugs). Notify and consult an Aalim immediately.

SHOW THEM ISLAM IS RELEVANT TODAY, RIGH THERE AND RIGHT NOW

Young people think that Islam is too old fashioned and not in tone with modern age. Prove this wrong. Show them how Islam is really about relating to Allah, which any human being can do anywhere anytime. Allah is always closer to you than your jagular vein. And He hears and knows everything.

Encourage friend's to ask Allah's help during tests, exams and in dealing with problems at home with parents and siblings. Also point out how Islam relates to teenagers. Islam gives you focus and an understanding of who you are and where you are going, which most of teenculture does not.

GET THEM INVOLVED IN VOLUNTEER WORK WITH YOU

If you are already involved in a community, get your friend to help out. Ask them to make a flyer for one of your youth group's event's or brainstorm for ideas about activities to hold this school year. This involvement makes them feel, being part of Muslim Community and deepens your friendship, since you are now working together on something beneficial for both of you. Make sure, you thank them for their contributions.

ASK THEM FOUR FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS

As you friendship develops, you will notice the topics you discuss may become more serious. You may be discussing, for instance, future goals and plans.

Project YourzWap recommends you to ask four questions that can steer the topic towards Allah and Islam.

- ❖ What am I going in life and what would make me really happy deep down inside ?
- ❖ What do I believe ?
- ❖ Who should I be grateful to ?
- ❖ Did I get to where I am today, with the help of anyone ?

EMPHASIZE PRAYING FIVE TIMES A DAY BEFORE ANY OTHER ASPECT OF ISLAM

A person's main connection with Allah, on a daily basis, is through the prayer five times a day. Don't emphasize any other aspect of Islam until your friend starts making a real effort to pray five times a day. Emphasize the direct connection one has with Allah in prayer. If they are facing a problem, tell them to pray and to ask Allah for help in Salah (Prayer) and outside this time. When possible, make it a point to pray together during your "hang out time". If your friend begins to pray, that is the first step to the other aspects of Islam, like giving up swearing, treating parents with respect or dressing Islamically.

HELP, INSTILL CONFIDENCE DEVELOPS IN ADULTS

Helping in each other's works, may not only deepen your friendship but will also make an example. So, keep on helping each other continuously, this will make adults confident of, both of you.

SUPPORT THEM, EVEN WHEN THEY BECOME MORE PRACTICING

Remember, just because a person starts practicing Islam more regularly, this does not mean everything will be okay from this point onwards. There will be hard times, difficulties. There may be times when your friend may have doubts about his/her new found practice of Islam. Be there to reassure them.